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I am a computer professional. In no way do I understand the intricacies of the law. Nonetheless I feel obliged to comment on the pending settlement in the Microsoft anti-trust case.

As a computer professional it is very clear to me that 1) Microsoft is a monopoly and 2) that Microsoft has abused its position to its advantage and that both the consuming public and Microsoft's competitors have suffered grievously as a result.

The proposed settlement does nearly nothing to prevent future abuse much less reverse the abuses of the past. In the interests of a free market and free competition please discard the proposed agreement and develop a new agreement which takes significant real action to punish Microsoft and discourage further similar action on Microsoft's part.

Renewed competition (and genuine innovation) is needed but will not happen under the proposed settlement.

Thank you.

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